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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. CAMBODIAN REQUEST FOR SAIGON MILITARY ASSISTANCE

THE KHMER AMBASSADOR IN SAIGON HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO PROPOSE TO PRESIDENT THIEU THAT KHMER TROOPS NOW IN VIETNAM BE FORMED INTO COMMANDO BATTALIONS. INITIAL COMMANDOS WOULD MOVE INTO TAKEO AND KAMPOT PROVINCES, AND OTHERS, IF AVAILABLE, WOULD BE FLOWN TO PHNOM PENH TO LIFT MORALE. THE AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT THE PLAN PROBABLY VIOLATES THE PARIS ACCORDS, BUT FELT IT WAS TOO CLEVER TO BE DETECTED OR EXPOSED. (SECRET) SAIGON 12482, 7/11 (EXDIS).

2. WALDHEIM TO ANNOUNCE MIDDLE EAST VISIT

SECRETARY-GENERAL WALDHEIM TOLD USUN HE INTENDS
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TO ANNOUNCE HIS VISIT TO THE MIDDLE EAST,

POSSIBLY TODAY OR TOMORROW. HE HOPES TO GET A SC
CONSENSUS SUPPORTING THE VISIT AND DELAYING FURTHER

DEBATE ON THE MIDDLE EAST. WALDHEIM, WHILE UNDER NO
ILLUSIONS, BELIEVES THE TRIP WILL SERVE BOTH EGYPTIAN
AND ISRAELI SHORT TERM POLITICAL NEEDS. THE TRIP IS
TENTATIVELY TO TAKE PLACE IN LATE AUGUST. (CONFIDENTIAL)
USUN 2528, 7/11 (EXDIS).

3. SOVIETS CANCEL NORTH VIETNAMESE DEBT

IN A SPEECH TO VISITING NORTH VIETNAMESE LEADERS ON
JULY 10, GENERAL-SECRETARY BREZHNEV DRAMATICALLY
ANNOUNCED MOSCOW'S INTENTION TO WIPE THE SLATE CLEAN
OF ALL DEBTS OWED BY HANOI FOR PAST SOVIET ASSISTANCE.
HE AVOIDED, HOWEVER, MAKING ANY FUTURE COMMITMENTS.
BREZHNEV ALSO MADE SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE RECENT
US/SOVIET AGREEMENTS, WHICH HE SAID ARE IN THE INTERESTS
OF ALL COUNTRIES, AND TO THE "NEW CLIMATE ON THE
PLANET." (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) MOSCOW 8208, 7/11. ROGERS

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